

1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?

I have primarily worked in the food industry. Currently, I work as a baker at the Perth Pie Company.

2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?

I have lived in the riding my entire life, with the exception of just over a year living in Toronto.

3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?

I have been active in the local theatre community and the slam poetry community locally for a number of years.

4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?

I read the novel 1984 by George Orwell during my adolescence and it had a profound impact on my views on government. I find it despairing that some aspects of this prophetic work have become a reality around the globe, and I strongly support the human rights of all people, at home and internationally.

5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?

My grandmother was a role model to me by running and serving for our local municipal council, serving after her retirement from a lifetime of working for women's and Indigenous/Inuit issues. She entered politics to do good work the people of Tay Valley Township. I admire her for representing women in politics.

6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?

I think addressing the financial and personal insecurity of seniors is a priority for residents in our riding. Communities are facing a crisis unprecedented in scale with respect to the issues facing our aging population, including insecurity in housing, food, transportation, and health care services. The NDP is committed to investing in all the areas mentioned.

7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?

Voters have been hearing the same commitments made from previous governments time and time again, with little to no follow-through. It is time to elect a party that will be accountable for its commitments to Canadians while taking bold steps to address the climate emergency. I promise to hold the NDP accountable to its election commitments the same way that I would with any elected government.